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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 20-DEC-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	52-73.5	58-61	60.76	27

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

73.50

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.35

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	170,324	166,469

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.50	1,269
BREASTS - B/S	144.50	4,574
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,155
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.50	936
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	5,498
WINGS	99.50	2,522

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate on heavy birds and limited on small birds. Retail movement was frequently moderate, though mixed and best for features. Food service demand was moderate to good into fast food and catering. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Weights were desirable to trending heavy. Trade on parts was active on fresh wings, moderate on boneless/skinless breasts and limited on remaining items. Supplies of fresh wings were short of full trade needs, boneless/skinless breasts in close balance, remainder of parts available. The market tone was firm on wings, steady to firm on boneless skinless breasts, and generally steady on the balance.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17, 2004**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	75.70	78.66	66.10**	EASTERN REGION	71.00	71.09	59.10**
CENTRAL REGION	78.86	79.50	64.20	CENTRAL REGION	70.00	71.80	57.20
WESTERN REGION	79.33	79.20**	68.28	WESTERN REGION	72.80	71.90**	61.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-December -2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS

Head	159,818
Avg Wt	5.21
Last week	162,589
Same wk yr ago	153,501
Avg Wt	5.23
To-date/2004	7,670,555
To-date/2003	7,537,978

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
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Head	1,850	2,571
Avg Wt	16.05	38.35
Last week	1,718	2,686
Same wk yr ago	2,132	2,805
Avg Wt	15.44	35.28
To-date/2004	85,510	125,621
To-date/2003	93,464	135,303

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	114.00	114.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	145.00 - 158.00	150.75
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy		
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	152.00	152.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	535.00 615.00	564.04
168 3 Round, top inside round	157.40 167.41	160.93
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	388.61 440.00	407.35
Ground Beef 81%	122.72 143.40	129.19

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